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POPULATION QUESTIONS

1. The First (Economic) Committee considered population questions (agenda item 12) at its 15th to 17th, 19th, 21st and 22nd meetings, on 29 and 30 June and 1 and 2 July 1987. 1/ It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1986/7 on population questions (A/42/302-E/1987/81);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of population trends and policies (E/1987/3);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations system in the field of population (E/1987/4);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of multilateral population assistance (E/1987/5);

(e) Report of the Population Commission on its twenty-fourth session (E/1987/16); 2/

1/ At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 6 February 1987, the Council allocated the item to the Committee.

2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Supplement No. 3.

(f) Statement submitted by the International Alliance of Women - Equal Rights, Equal Responsibilities and the International Council of Women, non-governmental organizations in consultative status, category I, with the Economic and Social Council, and the International Council of Jewish Women and the International Federation of University Women, non-governmental organizations in consultative status, category II (E/1987/NGO/7).

ACTION TAKEN BY THE FIRST (ECONOMIC) COMMITTEE

2. At its 15th to 17th and 19th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item. At its 15th meeting, on 29 June, it heard introductory statements by the Director of the Population Division of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs and by the representative of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities.

3. At the 16th meeting, on 29 June, statements were made by the representatives of the German Democratic Republic, Poland and Turkey, and the observer for Algeria.

4. At the 17th meeting, on 30 June, statements were made by the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, China and Pakistan, and the observer for Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries).

5. At the 19th meeting, on 1 July, statements were made by the representatives of Bulgaria, Japan and Bangladesh and the observer for the Netherlands.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Population Commission

6. Chapter I of the report of the Population Commission on its twenty-fourth session contained two draft resolutions and one draft decision recommended for adoption by the Council.

Work programme in the field of population

7. At its 22nd meeting, on 2 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled "Work programme in the field of population" (see para. 15 below, draft resolution I).

Follow-up of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population, 1984

8. At its 22nd meeting, on 2 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution II, entitled "Follow-up of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population, 1984" (see para. 15 below, draft resolution II).

Provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-fifth session of the Population Commission

9. At its 22nd meeting, on 2 July, the Committee adopted the draft decision entitled "Provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-fifth session of the Population Commission" (see para. 16 below, draft decision I).

Other proposals

United Nations Fund for Population Activities: change of title

10. At the 21st meeting, on 2 July, the representative of Denmark, on behalf of Bangladesh, China, Denmark, Kenya, 3/ the Netherlands, 3/ Peru and Tunisia, 3/ introduced a draft decision (E/1987/C.1/L.12) entitled "United Nations Fund for Population Activities: change of title".

11. At the 22nd meeting, on 2 July, the Committee adopted the draft decision (see para. 16 below, draft decision II).

12. Before the draft decision was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines, Egypt and Denmark. The Secretary of the Committee and the representative of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities also made statements.

Reports considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with population questions

13. At its 22nd meeting, on 2 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend the Economic and Social Council to take note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1986/7 on population questions (A/42/302-E/1987/81) and on the monitoring of population trends and policies (E/1987/3) (see para. 16 below, draft decision III).

Report of the Population Commission

14. At its 22nd meeting, on 2 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend the Economic and Social Council to take note of the report of the Population Commission on its twenty-fourth session (E/1987/16) (see para. 16 below, draft decision IV).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST (ECONOMIC) COMMITTEE

15. The first (Economic) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

[For the text of draft resolutions I and II, see the report of the Population Commission (E/1987/16), chap. I, sect. A.]

16. The First (Economic) Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

[For the text of draft decision I, see the report of the Population Commission (E/1987/16), chap. I, sect. B.]

3/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

DRAFT DECISION II

United Nations Fund for Population Activities: change of title

The Economic and Social Council, welcoming the recommendation of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its thirty-fourth session on the change of the name of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, 4/ decides to recommend the General Assembly to approve the change of the title of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to the United Nations Population Fund, while retaining the abbreviation UNFPA, it being understood that the proposed change of title in no way changes, nor will change, the present mandate, aims and purposes of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities or the role and functions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly with respect to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities.

DRAFT DECISION III

Reports considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with population questions

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1986/7 on population questions 5/ and on the monitoring of population trends and policies. 6/

DRAFT DECISION IV

Report of the Population Commission

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Population Commission on its twenty-fourth session. 7/

4/ See E/1987/L.31, annex, decision 1987/32.

5/ A/42/302-E/1987/81.

6/ E/1987/3.

7/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Supplement No. 3 (E/1987/16).